

Montana Department of Environmental Quality
SB 489 Quarterly Report to EQC
January 11, 2006

Background:

SB 489 provides \$1.25 million from the orphan share fund. DEQ must use the money to contract with an environmental consulting firm to complete a comprehensive remedial investigation and feasibility study for Kalispell Pole & Timber, Reliance Refinery, and Yale Oil Corporation. Any left-over money goes toward cleanup at the sites.

Progress Since Last Quarter:

- DEQ obtained up to \$50,000 in Department of Energy matching grant monies to have Western Research Institute assist with a microbial study to evaluate microbes present at the sites and measures to enhance microbial activity as a cleanup option
- Western Research Institute and DEQ collected samples for microbial study
- Tetra Tech completed the data summary report for DEQ
- Tetra Tech is preparing the remedial investigation work plan for DEQ

SB 489 Expenditures:

- Estimated project costs \$1,163,279.77
- Expenditures to date \$168,641.56

Note: In response to comments received from the potentially liable persons, the contract with the environmental consultant provided that the costs of the project be revisited as more information became available. Tetra Tech, DEQ's environmental consulting firm, projects that future costs will be more than originally anticipated. DEQ is working with Tetra Tech to identify cost-saving measures. Although current phases may cost more than initially estimated, future phases may cost less. It is unclear at this time if current funding will be sufficient to complete every phase of the project.

Actions Completed to Date:

Action Item	Deadline	Date Completed
Consult with PLPs	None	May 27, 2005
Contract In Place	August 31, 2005	July 1, 2005
Consult with PLPs	None	August 16, 2005
EQC Quarterly Report	Fall 2005	September 15, 2005

Complete Data Summary Report	December 31, 2005	December 31, 2005
EQC Quarterly Report	Winter 2005-2006	January 12, 2006

Questions:

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